

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Stafford Middle School/Overcrowding
Redistricting Committee/Superintendent's
Recommendation

ITEM NO: 10A

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MEETING: May 25, 2004
ACTION DATE: June 15, 2004

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board receive the Superintendent's recommendation for Stafford Middle School temporary redistricting (2004-05 & 2005-06). Specific recommendation forthcoming as a part of an updated agenda item.

KEY POINTS:

- Due to land acquisition issues, the opening of two new middle schools was delayed from 2005 to 2006. This delay exacerbated the overcrowding issue at Stafford Middle School.
- On March 9, 2004 the School Board received for information, recommendations by a Superintendent appointed committee that included options designed to relieve this overcrowding.
- The primary remediation options recommended by the committee included the following:
 - 1. Send Stafford Middle School students located west of Interstate 95 (APU 150) to A. G. Wright Middle School (approximately 165 students) for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years. Rising 8th grade students would be given the option of remaining at Stafford Middle School (transportation not provided) for the 2004-05 school year. Students located west of Interstate 95 would attend the new northeast middle school commencing the 2006-07 school year.
 - 1A. Send Stafford Middle School students located west of Interstate 95 (APU 150) to:
 - ◆ H. H. Poole Middle School & A. G. Wright Middle School for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years.

- On April 20, 2004, in a work session, the School Board received additional support information relevant to the remediation options presented previously.
- Since the April 20, 2004 work session, the School Board indicated a desire to have any redistricting changes made to the Stafford Middle School attendance area be completed by the end of June 2004. As a result, the following timeline for Stafford Middle School redistricting was presented to the School Board on May 11, 2004:

▪ Redistricting Committee in place/meetings	May 11, 2004
▪ Superintendent's Recommendation	May 25, 2004
▪ SB Public Hearings	June 2004
▪ SB Adoption	June-July 2004
▪ Data Update and Dispersion	August 2004

- In addition to the options brought forward at the March 9th meeting, the School Board requested the redistricting committee also consider the following:

- Any redistricting moves made to relieve Stafford Middle School for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years be done so on a temporary status only.
- Of the approximate 165 students affected in the remediation recommendations, that approximately 80 be sent to A.G. Wright and 80 be sent to H.H. Poole Middle School.

- The Redistricting Committee will meet on Thursday May 20, 2004. The committee will be presented an overview of all deliberations which contributed to the initial recommendation options and will consider these options as well as those proposed by the School Board.
- A recommendation will be presented during a public hearing to be held at 7:00pm June 8th at Moncure Elementary School. All public response will be documented and forwarded to the School Board following the public hearing.
- A final recommendation will be presented to the School Board for adoption at the June 15th School Board meeting.
- An updated agenda item will be prepared with new information derived from the May 20, 2004 redistricting committee meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4 - Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones, and instruction.

Goal 5 - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

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